THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) 141 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been submitted by Government of Maharashtra for central assistance under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of JNNURM to Ministry of Urban Development.

(b) 51 DPRs have been approved under UIG component of JNNURM and their approved cost is Rs. 7528.86 crore.

Metro Rail at Kochi

1543. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for constructing a Metro Rail at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary approval has been given to the project;

(d) if so, the time by when the work on the project is expected to begin; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala, based on a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for setting up of Metro in Kochi, has submitted a proposal seeking "in principle" approval of Govt, of India for the implementation of the project through a Joint Venture Special Purpose Vehicle of Government of India and State Government.

The proposed alignment is from Always to Petta (Tripunithura) 25.3 Kms. (fully elevated). The estimated completion cost is Rs. 3084 cr. and period of completion is 4 years. They have also proposed to entrust the work to DMRC itself.

(c) No, Sir. •

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Gandhinagar and Porbunder under JNNURM

1544. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the capital cities of the States are included in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urbari Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested Central Government to include Gandhinagar and also Porbunder city under JNNURM being the birth place of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the state of Gujarat has been given only Rs. 300 crores under JNNURM; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any proposal to enhance the limit of this allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. The only exception, however, is Gandhinagar as